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¶1. (C) POLOFF on September 18 orally delivered reftel points to Monica Colomer de Selva, Counselor for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in the MFA's DG for Strategic Affairs & Terrorism. Colomer focused on the news that Russian Disarmament Director Anatoly Antonov, in his September 3 informal meeting with VCI A/S Rose Gottemoeller, made clear that Russia would "never" agree to resume implementation of the existing CFE treaty. Colomer remarked that, based on the readout, it appeared that the September 3 meeting had resulted in an impasse and that there did not appear to be much progress on the CFE issue. Colomer indicated that she would share this readout with Gonzalo de Salazar, Deputy DG for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, and Manuel Acerete Gomez, Deputy DG for International Security Affairs.

¶2. (SBU) Due to extensive travel on the part of MFA contacts, Post was unable to deliver reftel points in advance of the September 17 High Level Task Force meeting on CFE issues.
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